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Art Unit	1763
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.118 previously filed on _____
(Any un-entered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other: _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - \$790.00
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) - \$_____
- iii. ☐ Other: _____ 08/19/2005 TLO111 00000032 09021753
- b. ☐ Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed. 790.00
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In re Application of

Tuqiang NI *et al.*

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/821,753

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: PLASMA PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS WITH CONTROL OF
PLASMA EXCITATION POWER

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: Confirmation No. 5171
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: Group Art Unit: 1763
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 114

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In response to the final Office Action mailed October 19, 2004, and in conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

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